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July 23, 1984

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Ronan Auto Body Wrecking Facility

Board of County Commissioners, Lake Co. Courthouse, Polson
Pat Trusler, Land Services Dept., Lake Co. Courthouse, Polson
John Frederick, County Attorney, Lake Co. Courthouse, Polson
Randy Stark, Mayor, City of Ronan, 109 Second Avenue, SW, Ronan
Glen R. Wunderlick, Ronan Auto Body, Highway 93, Box T, Ronan
David R. Erickson, Admin. Assistant, 109 2nd Avenue SW, Ronan
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Bldg., Room 432, Helena
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena
Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Dick Wunderlick dba Ronan Auto Body, proposed motor vehicle wrecking facility in Ronan.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MITCHELL
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Management Bureau

Project or Application Ronan Auto Body

Description of Project Establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking facility north of Ronan, Montana (See Map).

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics				X		X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites					X	

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals			X			X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction Ronan Zoning Board;Lake County Land Services

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. (See Above)

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary

PER Prepared by: Larry Mitchell

Date: July 17, 1984

DHES/ESD-2

July 17, 1984

RONAN AUTO BODY PER

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5. Aesthetics -

The state Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and regulations requires all junk vehicles and wrecking facilities to be shielded from public view. Public view is that point 6 feet above the centerline of any public road.

This proposed facility will be shielded on all four sides by a chain-link fence with factory manufactured plastic inserts. The fence will be of sufficient height to shield the 300' X 300' vehicle storage yard from public view. The storage yard is located at an elevation several feet below that of adjacent old Highway 93. The fence posts and chain-link fabric will be raised and an area below the fence line filled in with dirt and gravel to properly shield the facility. An existing body shop building on site will provide partial shielding of the north perimeter. An existing stand of deciduous trees on the south end of the yard will be left in place and should provide additional seasonal shielding and year round softening of the visual impact from the fencing. If properly installed and constructed, this shielding plan should adequately screen the facility in compliance with state law.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income
8. Quantity and distribution of employment

The applicant historically and presently operates a body shop on site. The construction of a screened vehicle storage area adjacent to the shop building will provide the applicant with the opportunity to increase his salvage vehicle inventory and operate a licensed vehicle wrecking facility.

The establishment and successful operation of a motor vehicle wrecking facility should have a minor but positive impact on all the above criteria. Aside from providing obvious income and employment opportunities for the owner/operator and any additional employees necessary in the business, secondary trades and businesses may be positively impacted during the initial construction phase as well as during routine operation. Motor vehicle wrecking facilities routinely utilize the services of existing local communication, transportation, advertising, auto parts, repair and machine shop businesses in their operations. This facility should provide yet another competitive market outlet for the purchase and acquisition of salvageable inventory from insurance companies, body shops, auto dealers, private individuals and others. The successful operation of this facility may have a minor positive impact on local and state tax base and tax revenues beyond that previously available from the property.

10. Demands for government services.

Periodic routine inspections by state and local junk vehicle program officials will be required to assure that the facility is operated and maintained in compliance with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and regulations.

Additionally, there may be a minor increase in demand for such local government services such as fire protection, law enforcement, and permit facilitation for building, zoning and utility connections.

13. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals.

According to information received with the license application, the establishment and operation of a wrecking facility is considered a non-conforming land use given the current zoning status of the property in question. However, the Ronan Zoning Board of Adjustment has reviewed this proposal and voted unanimously to grant a non-compliance use zoning permit for this project and application. With this approval, the project is in accordance with local land use requirements.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Room B-201 Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

1) Name of applicant: GLEN R. WUNDERLICH - - NEIL D. COLLINS

2) Name of facility: RONAN AUTO BODY

3) Address: Box T Ronan, Mt. 59864

4) Size and legal description of facility: FR. TR. IN NE ¼ SW¾ S36-T21-R20 Land

Building is 68X80. Storage Area; 300X300

5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:

Name: _____

Address: _____

6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility. #1

b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings. #2

7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: David R. Erickson ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

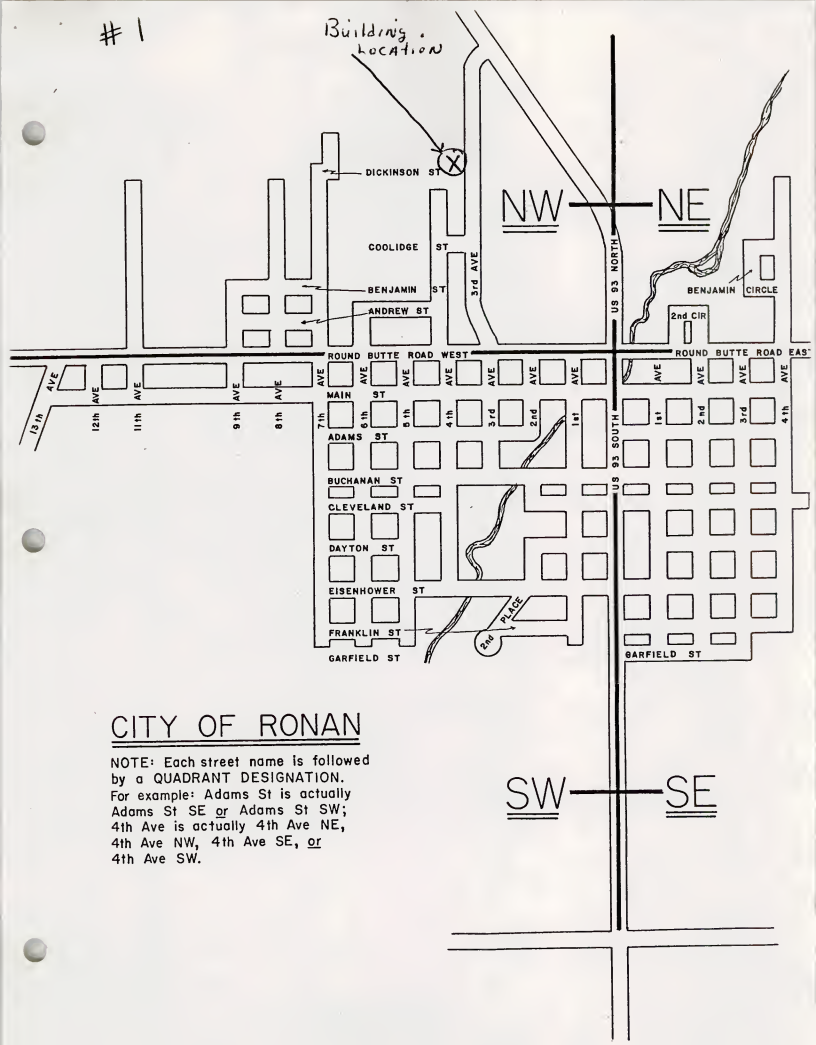
OF: RONAN, MONTANA
(city or county)

8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: October 1, 1984

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: x Glen R. Wunderlich Pres.
x Neil D. Collins V. Pres PHONE: (406) 676-5811

TITLE: _____ DATE: 6-7-84

#1



CITY OF RONAN

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6' high fence
Chain link - Steel
Pole with barbed
is point complete
Site - July 30-1981
Main
Building
Parking
Lot
gate
Old Hw 93
No roads to the West
No Roads to South.